

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner bag, comprising of:

an air-permeable filter material disposed inside the vacuum cleaner bag,  
wherein the bag includes, per 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> volume, between 1 and 30 g of the  
material which is whirled up under an air flow, the material being whirled up having a  
volume per mass unit between 5 cm<sup>3</sup> /g to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>/g, and

wherein the material being whirled up is kept in circulation under the air flow in  
an operating state to bind sucked-in dust already in the vacuum cleaner bag.

2. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1, wherein the material includes  
at least one of fibres and flakes.

3. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres are at least  
one of chemical fibres and natural fibres.

4. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 3, wherein the chemical fibres  
are cellulose fibres.

5. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 3, wherein the chemical fibres  
are at least one of viscose fibres and synthetic fibres.

6. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 4, wherein the synthetic fibres  
are selected from fibres formed from at least one of polyolefins, polyester, polyamides,  
polyacrylonitrile and polyvinyl alcohol.

7. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 3, wherein the natural fibres are  
selected from at least one of cellulose, wood fibre materials, kapok, flax, jute, Manila  
hemp, coco, wool, cotton, Kenaf, abaca, mulberry bast and fluff pulp.

8. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres at least one of (i) are at least one of charged and triboelectric fibre mixtures and (ii) form a triboelectric combination in combination with a filter medium of a dust-collecting filter.
9. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres at least one of (i) are at least one of smooth, branched, crimped, hollow and textured and (ii) have a non-circular cross-section.
10. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres have a trilobal cross-section.
11. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres have a mean length of between 0.3 mm and 100 mm.
12. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the fibres have a mean length of between 0.5 and 20 mm.
13. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 9, wherein the fibres have a mean length of 1 to 9.5 mm.
14. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 2, wherein the flakes are selected from cellular plastics, non-wovens, textiles, foamed starch, foamed polyolefins, films and recovered fibres.
15. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 14, wherein the flakes have a diameter between 0.3 mm and 30 mm.
16. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 14, wherein the flakes have a diameter between 0.5 and 20 mm.

17. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 14, wherein the flakes have a diameter between 1 and 9.5 mm.

18. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1, wherein the material is electrostatically charged.

19. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1, wherein the vacuum-cleaner bag is dimensioned and designed to have a volume flow rate through the bag between 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h and 400 m<sup>3</sup>/h.

20. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1, wherein between 5 and 15 g of the material are contained per 1000 cm<sup>3</sup>.

21. (Original) The vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1, wherein the material is at least one of (i) one of a single-layer paper and a multilayer paper and (ii) a non-woven material.

22. (Original) A method for extending a service life of a vacuum-cleaner bag which is operated with a predetermined volume flow rate, comprising:

utilizing the vacuum-cleaner bag according to claim 1.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein a working volume flow rate is between 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h and 400 m<sup>3</sup>/h.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 22, comprising: introducing the material into the vacuum-cleaner bag one of (i) before a start of a first suction process and (ii) at the start of the suction process.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the material is present in a wrapper, and comprising: introducing the material into the vacuum-cleaner bag one of (i) before a start of a first suction process and (ii) at the start of the suction process.

26. (Original) The method according to claim 25, wherein the wrapper is destroyable at a predetermined volume flow rate.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the vacuum cleaner is one of a cylinder vacuum-cleaner and an upright vacuum-cleaner.